

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE FCC re PROPOSED DEREGULATION

DEAR SIRS & MADAM:

We stand up for regulation in communication with the US Constitution & the 1945 Supreme Court.

It is UNFAIR for one political party to control, through media ownership, the proportion of airings of opposing political viewpoints. Re-instate the Fairness Doctrine. Control of information is not a political football.

The airwaves is a "public trust" and must use fairness in presenting the widest possible spectrum of views, and this fairness requires the public trust to accurately reflect opposing views. The FCC's mission should be the preservation of that spectrum of views.

The freedom of speech intends that we be listeners and readers of others view, so as to be so informed by the variety that we may form views from our critical thinking about these views -- a synthesis after analysis.

There should be more radio owners, and each radio station owner should own fewer stations (say, no more than 30).

The ownership of two TV stations should be allowed only in cities where ten independently owned stations remain.

No one should be allowed to own both a newspaper and a TV or radio station in a large or midsize market.

The cap on the share of TV homes a company can reach with broadcast TV stations it owns should be 25%.

Ban mergers of the top four broadcast TV networks.

The FCC policy should be that definition and delineation of news and broadcast markets should be left to the public in regular, frequent open public meetings.

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